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Rapid River News!



Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon)
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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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LRCR Chip & Token Notice.

The Little River Casino has issued a notice about the chips and tokens from the casino. Please see the full notice at the bottom of the Rapid River News and in the next issue of the Currents.

Trading Post gets another 100%!

The Tribal Trading Post received its third 100% report in a recent study of the store, its performance and presentation. Jamie and the crew are doing a wonderful job for the tribe. A bit K'Chi-miigwech to them all!

Click here for LRBOI Job Postings

<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

Click here for LRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

"Our People, Our Journey

" Historical Director Jonnie "Jay" Sam and Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring made presentations of the tribal history book this week to: the Manistee County Commissioners; Manistee County Library; MAPS School System; West Shore Community College and Mason County Library System. The books were presented as an effort to improve knowledge and understanding of the tribal history in the area.

J. D. Gibson, Traditional Healer November 5th!

Appointments are available for Indian Health Service (IHS) eligible Native Americans. Please call Julie Wolfe (231) 398-6632 regarding scheduling of appointments. Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health

Warriors Society updates:



Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.



Meeting time is 11:30 AM
Changes in the By Laws (Elected officials to serve only 2 years)
Lunch to be served at 12 Noon (catered by the Casino.....**Thank you RON!!!!!!**)
Announcements of new names on Memorial



Veteran's Day November 11th at:
8:00 a.m. - Veterans are encouraged to visit the LRCR Players Club Booth to receive one complimentary, limited edition, Veterans Day hat. (while supplies last)

11:00 a.m. - A special salute to the Armed Forces will take place at the Welcoming Hearth (hotel lobby area). All local Veterans are welcome.



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

Casino Board Meeting!

The next Casino Open Board meetings are scheduled for November 13th and December 11th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.



- * Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent 1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566
- * Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.
- * Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

- Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks



Optical Service

Beginning October 1, 2009, GTB will only service members of other Federally Recognized tribes that live in their service area (Antrim, Benzie, Manistee, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties). Non GTB members will no longer have discount privileges and they will be charged the full amount. This is for optical services only. No word on anything else (medical, dental). According to Gina Wright (CHS/EHAP Supervisor) these should still be less costly than regular retail/optical stores.

E-Team training

Michigan State Police E-Team training was held at the tribal Emergency Operations Center last Wednesday morning. Officers and ICS members from both the tribe and surrounding law enforcement and First Responder agencies attended. E-Team is the method that the responders use to coordinate during incidents or disasters.

(Kateri Circle)

"That spiritual power I wear is much more beautiful and much greater. We call it wisdom, knowledge, power and gift, or love. There are these four parts to that spiritual power. So I wear those. When you wear that power it will beautify your mind and spirit. You become beautiful. Everything that Tunkashila creates is beautiful."

--Wallace Black Elk, LAKOTA

When I was young, I asked my grandfather, "What should I pray for?" He thought for a long time and then he said, "Pray only for wisdom and for the knowledge of love." This makes a lot of sense. No matter what happens I ask the Creator to show me the lessons I should be learning. I pray for Him to help me learn the lessons. By doing this everyday we become beautiful human beings.

Great Spirit, grant me Your wisdom

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

**THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.
TAX-EXEMP CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.**



*Come and Join us
for Our Monthly
Peacemaking talking circle*

“Doing all things in a Good Way”



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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS PEACEMAKING/PROBATION
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Talking Circle meeting scheduled!
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Wenesh pii (when)..... November 30th at 5:30



This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 11-02-09. If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.
Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, November 2, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09122DM - Broome v. Broome Final Divorce
- 11:00 a.m. 09207CO - Battice, Jeffery Re-consideration
- 1:30 p.m. 09198CO - Stone, Matthew Show Cause
- 2:00 p.m. 09176DO - Hill v. Hill Pre-trial
- 2:30 p.m. 09231TA - Crampton, Shannon Trust Access

Thursday, November 5, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 09146EA - Wabsis v. Enrollment Scheduling
- 2:00 p.m. 09187CO - Stone, Levi Hearing
- 2:30 p.m. 09182GC - Price v. LRBOI Motion Hearing

Monday, November 9, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09239TA - Wahr, Philip Trust Access
- 11:00 a.m. 09097DM - Crawford v. Crawford Final Divorce

Monday, November 16, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09206GC - Skiera v. Sprague Pretrial

Thursday, November 19, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. 08310GC - Detz v. Tribe Trial

Friday, November 20, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 07188NA (Closed hrg.)
- 11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 09053NA (Closed hrg.)
- 1:15 p.m. Neglect/Abuse 08284NA (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06204GM (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06205GM (Closed hrg.)
- 2:00 p.m. Guardianship 06206GM (Closed hrg.)

Ogema schedules Wisconsin and Illinois Visit

Ogema Romanelli will be traveling to Wisconsin for his annual Fall Meeting on November 14th. This year at the request of members, he will be holding the meeting in two locations; Green Bay Wisconsin and Aurora, Illinois. Several Council members have expressed an interest in being in attendance as well. The Ogema will be at the Onieda Casino from 9AM to Noon and then travel to Aurora, Illinois for a meeting from 4PM to 6PM at the Holiday Inn. Any changes to this itinerary will be posted on this Rapid River News site.



Muschigon Construction, LLC, a Tribal Enterprise, has an immediate opening for a Construction Foreman in Manistee. Job requirements include: 5 years of experience in residential or commercial construction, read and interpret blueprints, possess a valid driver's license and be insurable on the company auto policy. Must have the ability to perform heavy lifting, work on ladders at considerable height and work under winter conditions. Must be able to manage a crew, safeguard the job site and contribute to the construction project. Apply at Muschigon Construction, 294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. Telephone: 231.398.0800 or email: info@muschigonconstruction.com

- Prevention Program from Be Da Bin and Historical Preservation is being held through November 16th. Please see the flyer below.
- Ghost Supper. A Community Ghost Supper has been scheduled for Sunday, November 1st at the Community Center. The time will be at 4:07 p.m. See the full details in the next Currents.

Education announces Homework Assistance in Muskegon. The Education Department has announced a special program for tutoring at the Muskegon tribal office. Please see the announcement below as well as the next Currents.

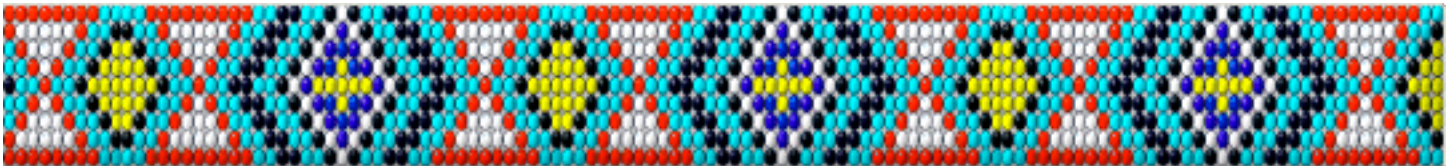
- Workforce Development. At the end of the Rapid River News is a new "Job Resources Guide" for the 9 county area. For more information, contact your Commerce Department, Workforce Development 231.398.6842 or 888.723.8288 ext. 6842. Here is the directory as a .pdf file for you to use as well.

- The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

- Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

Members Assistance Award

Award notice for REACH program. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was 1 of 4 Tribes awarded the REACH Program funding. See the next Currents for full details.



Fish Cleaning Classes

Classes were held last Friday at the Natural Resource facility in regard to the proper cleaning of fish. See the next Currents for details.

TPD Officers receive award.

Sgt. Mark Szynski and Officer Michael Brown received awards from the International Association of Chiefs of Police recognizing their heroic water rescue earlier this summer. Director Joseph LaPorte made the presentation at Police Headquarters.

Halloween Decoration

On the radio station 101.5 they announced that Pat Wilson won 3rd. place in the Macabre Manistee County Home Decorating Contest.

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NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryers), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. Rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income. To be considered "low income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200	\$55,300	\$59,400

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call Denise Lewis at the Housing Department at 231.398.6876 or Toll Free 1.888.723.8288.



Department of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, and Enterprise of the
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Has changed the design of it's active gaming chips and tokens.

Chips and tokens hearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for
a limited time only.

Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange
or redeem them by December 1, 2009

Beginning- Ending Date: During the first week of September through
December 2009 ads will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in addition,
posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will
be posting the same information on the Resort's website,
www.lrcr.com.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.